

Program C: Displaced Homemakers

Program Authorization: R.S. 46:1992; R.S. 46:2521

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The mission of the Displaced Homemakers Program of the Office of Women's Services is to assist individuals in transition due to life changes which may include divorce, separation, death, disability of a spouse, or those who are "un-or-under employed" achieve economic self-sufficiency.

The goal of the Displaced Homemakers Program of the Office of Women's Services is to provide quality services to assist Displaced Homemakers to gain the skills, experience, support and self-esteem needed to become economically self-sufficient.

There are five Displaced Homemakers Centers located in Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Shreveport, Lafayette, and Lake Charles. These programs offer an alternative to women who otherwise would become dependent on public assistance to survive. Displaced Homemaker centers offer the following services:

1. Survival Skills for Women (SSW) – a powerful curriculum that has already improved the lives of thousands of women nationwide. SSW is a highly structured program that has been extensively researched, tested, evaluated and refined. Program materials include a detailed facilitator manual, teaching aids, and participant workbooks. Groups of up to 15 women participate in 10 three-hour sessions. Each three hour session is devoted to a specific topic – Assertiveness, Personal Health, Nutrition, Money Management, Child Management, Self Advocacy, Legal Rights, Coping with Crisis, Community Resources; Re-Entry/Employment. Women who have completed the series have turned their lives around. They have become better parents. Many have found jobs and gotten off welfare. Many have returned to school to complete a GED, enter vocational training, or obtain a college degree. They have become more confident, healthier and independent.

2. Job Placement – When income is lost in a family through death or disablement of a spouse, divorce or separation, or any other reason, the displaced homemaker must find work as soon as possible in order to support herself and her family. When displaced homemakers come to our centers under those circumstances, we work feverishly to find employment immediately.

3. Referral Services – In an attempt to assist displaced homemakers with long-term career decisions resulting in economic stability, the centers provide information on local resources that may result in placement in a formal job training program; GED program, vo-tech, junior college or college.

4. Career Center – Program participants and other customers at Displaced Homemakers centers may access a "mini" One Stop Career Information Center, enabling them to link electronically with LDOL information on labor market needs in various parts of the state; job service information; on-line resume and job application delivery, etc.

The first Displaced Homemaker Center, was opened in New Orleans, in 1978. Displaced homemakers generally have a very low self-esteem, self-worth, and almost no self-confidence. They often have a general feeling of hopelessness. Many displaced homemakers have been accustomed to a middle class lifestyle, and are suddenly reduced to below poverty income. This change can be devastating when added to the emotional stress of divorce, stress, or death.

There are approximately 15,000,000 displaced homemakers in the United States according to the Carl D. Perkins legislation passed in 1990 by Congress. The number of displaced homemakers in Louisiana is estimated at 328,655.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Unless otherwise indicated, all objectives are to be accomplished during of by the end of FY 2001-2002. Performance indicators are made up of two parts: name and value. The indicator name describes what is being measured. The indicator value is the numeric value or level achieved within a given measurement period. For budgeting purposes, performance indicator values are shown for the prior fiscal year, the current fiscal year, and alternative funding scenarios (continuation budget level and Executive Budget recommendation level) for the ensuing fiscal year (the fiscal year of the budget document).

1. (KEY) To provide 204 participants with survival skills training; 235 participants with formal job training; 92 participants with General Education Development (GED), vocational technical education (vo-tech), junior college or college training; 1,224 participants with One-Stop Career Information Services; and 428 participants with job placement.

Strategic Link: This operational objective relates to Strategic Objectives 1.1 and 1.2: *To increase enrollment of clients served in the Displaced Homemakers program by no less than 10% by 2003 and to increase placement (employment and training) for the Displaced Homemakers Center program by no less than 10% by 2003.*

Louisiana: Vision 2020 Link: Objective 1.1: *To involve every citizen in a process of lifelong learning.* Objective 3.1: *To increase personal income and the number of quality jobs in each region of the state.* (Also Benchmarks 3.1.2 and 3.1.6). Objective 3.2: *To increase levels of unemployment and the poverty level in each region of the state.* (Also, Benchmarks 3.2.2 and 3.2.4).

Children's Cabinet Link: Not applicable

Other Link(s): Louisiana Workforce Commission

L E V E L	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES					
		YEAREND PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 1999-2000	ACTUAL YEAREND PERFORMANCE FY 1999-2000	ACT 11 PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2000-2001	EXISTING PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2000-2001	AT CONTINUATION BUDGET LEVEL FY 2001-2002	AT RECOMMENDED BUDGET LEVEL FY 2001-2002
K	Number of participants completing survival skills for women training	Not applicable ¹	Not available ¹	190	190	204	204
K	Number of participants placed in jobs	383	574 ²	475	475	428	428
K	Number of participants entering a formal job training program	Not applicable ¹	Not available ¹	230	230	235	235
K	Number of participants entering a GED; vo-tech; junior college; or college program	204	367	90	90	92	92
K	Number of participants using One-Stop Career Center	Not applicable ¹	Not available ¹	1,200	1,200	1,224	1,224

¹ This was a new performance indicator added for FY 2000-2001. The indicator did not appear under Act 10 of 1999, and has no FY 1999-2000 performance standard or a yearend actual for FY 1999-2000.

² Women not eligible for Training and Employment programs under JTPA were referred to our Displaced Homemakers Program for job placement. At least one out of every two women seeking Training and Employment are not eligible because of JTPA criteria.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 1999- 2000	ACT 11 2000 - 2001	EXISTING 2000 - 2001	CONTINUATION 2001 - 2002	RECOMMENDED 2001 - 2002	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$518,192	\$473,360	\$473,360	\$512,351	\$500,728	\$27,368
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	833,301	0	40,000	0	0	(40,000)
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	12,204	12,204	12,204	54,716	54,600	42,396
Statutory Dedications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$1,363,697	\$485,564	\$525,564	\$567,067	\$555,328	\$29,764
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$514,582	\$217,873	\$217,873	\$247,063	\$240,921	\$23,048
Other Compensation	28,800	0	0	0	0	0
Related Benefits	91,304	36,975	36,975	42,387	41,295	4,320
Total Operating Expenses	284,408	67,970	67,970	69,220	67,970	0
Professional Services	790	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Charges	443,354	162,746	202,746	208,397	205,142	2,396
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	459	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$1,363,697	\$485,564	\$525,564	\$567,067	\$555,328	\$29,764
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS: Classified	23	9	9	9	9	0
Unclassified	2	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	25	9	9	9	9	0

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded with State General Fund, Interagency Transfers and Fees and Self-generated Revenues. Interagency Transfers are Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) funds from the Department of Labor to provide employment and training services to disadvantaged and unemployed female heads of households. Fees and Self-generated Revenues are derived from the Carl Perkins Vocational-Education Act to provide the cost of transportation and child care for women attending classes and from the local JTPA service delivery areas to provide employment and training services.

ANALYSIS OF RECOMMENDATION

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$473,360	\$485,564	9	ACT 11 FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001
			BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:
\$0	\$40,000	0	Technical transfer of expense authority from the Training Program to the Displaced Homemakers program to temporarily fund the Medicaid Enrollment Program
\$473,360	\$525,564	9	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET – December 15, 2000
\$2,592	\$2,592	0	Annualization of FY 2000-2001 Classified State Employees Merit Increase
\$6,902	\$6,902	0	Classified State Employees Merit Increases for FY 2001 -2002
\$25,108	\$25,108	0	Salary Base Adjustment
(\$7,234)	(\$7,234)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	(\$40,000)	0	Other Adjustments - Non-recurring technical transfer from the Training Program to Displaced Homemakers Program
\$0	\$42,396	0	Other Adjustments - Self-generated funding for the Medicaid Enrollment Program
\$500,728	\$555,328	9	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED

The total means of financing for this program is recommended at 105.67% of the existing operating budget. It represents 86.8% of the total request (\$639,349) for this program. The significant changes from total recommended and existing operating budget are primarily due to the correction in the amount of anticipated revenues derived from the Medicaid Enrollment Program.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This program does not have funding for Professional Services for Fiscal Year 2001-2002

OTHER CHARGES

\$391,853	Expenses associated with providing two (2) Math/Computer Instructors and one (1) Physical Instructor and a \$100 per week meal and transportation stipend for persons enrolled in the non-traditional and clerical training programs
\$389,243	Expenses associated with the welfare-to-work grant and training activities
\$122,927	Expenses associated with highway and bridge repair development

\$904,023 TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

This program does not have funding for Acquisitions and Major Repairs for Fiscal Year 2001-2002